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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

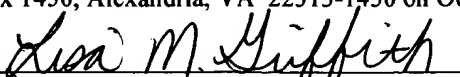
Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 7, 2004, Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time for responding to that Final Office Action. The fee for the three-month extension of time is to be charged to a credit card pursuant to a concurrently filed authorization. With granting of the three-month extension of time, the deadline for responding to the Final Office Action expires on October 7, 2004.

In addition to the fee for a three-month extension of time, a credit card authorization is concurrently filed herewith for payment of fees for one additional claim over the previously paid for additional forty-one claims (for a previous total of sixty-one claims).

This is the required submission associated with a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith. Accordingly, please enter the following remarks in response to the outstanding Final Office Action. It is believed that no additional fee is

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due in conjunction with this Response. However, if any fee should become payable, or credit due, please charge or credit the same to Deposit Account No. 50-2785.

Attorney Docket Number

Please update the Attorney Docket No. for the subject matter to: Sensory 0012.CON.

Filing Receipt/Priority Claim

Please add a new paragraph at page 1 of the specification between the title and "Technical Field." The new paragraph should read as follows:

--This application is a continuation of Serial No. 08/860,959, filed June 23, 1997, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,958,436. Parent application Serial No. 08/860,959 was filed nationally on June 23, 1997, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371, based on International Application No. PCT/US95/16990 (filed December 21, 1995). The present application and the aforesaid PCT application claim the benefit of the filing date of now abandoned application Serial No. 08/362,101 (December 21, 1994).--

Applicants requested that a similar paragraph be added by way of Section IX on page 4 of the Filing Under 37 CFR § 1.53(B), mailed on September 21, 1999, with filing of the present continuation application. Yet, a Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt mailed by the Patent Office on April 23, 2003, indicates that that amendment was not entered or the information was not conveyed to the Office of Initial Patent Examination. The Corrected Filing Receipt mailed on May 24, 2004, also did not contain all requisite priority information. As such, please amend the first page of the specification as noted above and issue a new corrected Filing Receipt showing all priority information for this application.

Amendments

Claim 7, as previously amended to depend from claim 1, lacks antecedent basis. In order to correct this inadvertent oversight, please amend claim 7 as noted in the following claim listing. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in claims 6 and 7 of the originally filed application. Claim 23 is also being amended to correct a typographical error.

In addition, new claims 115-119 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the originally filed application. For example, support for new claim 115 can be found on page 26, lines 3-7 of the originally filed application. Support for new claim 116 can be found, for example, on page 24, line 28, to page 25, line 3. Support for new claims 117-118 can be found, for example, on page 25, lines 3-11. Support for new claim 119 can be found, for example, on page 24, line 25, to page 26, line 11.